

Remarks

By this amendment, the specification has been changed to reflect prior related applications, and to add an abstract on a separate page. In addition, replacement drawing sheets are provided; no changes have been made to any of the figures.

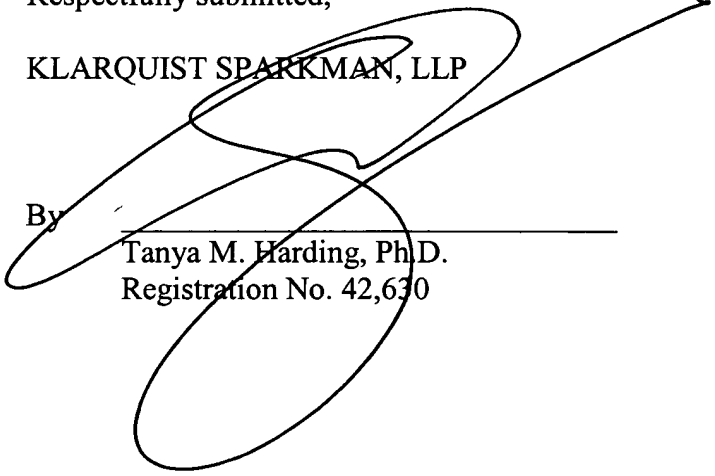
Claims 3, 5, 7-9, 12, 13-15, 22, and 24-26 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies and conform to U.S. claims practice. New claims 27 and 28 have been added, directed to subject matter originally in multiply dependent claims. No new matter is added by this amendment. After entry of this Amendment, **Claims 1-28 are pending.**

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if any questions remain concerning the amendments made herein. Otherwise, the present application is ready for substantive examination, and such action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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